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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7636

BILL NUMBER: SB 462

DATE PREPARED: Jan 7, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Physician assistants.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill changes the certification process for a physician assistant to a licensure process. A licensed physician is authorized to delegate prescribing privileges to a physician assistant. The supervising physician is authorized to determine the number of physician assistants to supervise. A physician assistant is authorized to certify the health status of patients. A physician assistant is also authorized to provide care in a disaster or emergency situation without liability unless the physician assistant is grossly, willfully, or wantonly negligent. This bill makes certain other changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Health Professions Bureau oversees the state regulation of physician assistants. The Bureau could experience additional expenses associated with issuing new wall licenses to those practitioners who currently have wall certificates that reflect certification status. The Bureau would also dispose of current supplies of blank wall certificates and replace them with new wall licenses.

Explanation of State Revenues: The proposal may affect the number of applications and the amount of renewal fees that the Bureau collects. The specific impact, however, is indeterminable. License fees are deposited in the State General Fund. (Additional information will be provided when it becomes available.)

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau

Local Agencies Affected:

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